

6 October 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel White

1. We have revised the original reply proposed by the Security Office. Instead of putting in memorandum format, we have written it as a letter. Also, certain changes in text were necessary. The Security Office ( ) concurred in the changes made.

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2. Colonel Edwards has never been designated as the Agency's Personnel Security Officer. The function of reviewing and evaluating derogatory data is charged to the Director of Security by Regulation No. . However, says that Security believes that in our reply to the Commission we should refer to Colonel Edwards as the Personnel Security Officer, since this is the general designation throughout the Government given to those officials who perform the review and evaluation function. In other words, Colonel Edwards, as Director of Security, is serving as Personnel Security Officer when he exercises the review and evaluation function pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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3. Since the Commission's letter (to which our letter is replying) refers to these people as Personnel Security Officers, it appears that this is regarded as a generic Government-wide title which can embrace individual Agency titles. Therefore, I recommend keeping the title of Personnel Security Officer as presently written.

4. Recommend signature.

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